[18th December 1922

APPENDIX B.

[Vide answer to question No. 577 asked by Khan Bahadur Muhammad Sadulla Badsha Sahib at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 18th December 1922, page 895 supra.]

Copy of orders.

The Government have carefully considered the several requests contained in the memorial submitted by the students of the Veterinary College in February last and proceed to pass the following orders :—

(1) *Increase of the stipend from Rs. 15 per mensem to Rs. 30 per mensem.*—It is not intended that these stipends should cover the whole expenses of the students; they are only meant to supplement their own resources. The stipends were raised from Rs. 10 per mensem to Rs. 15 per mensem so recently as the year 1919 and the Government are not prepared to increase them further at present.

(2) *Permission to draw stipends for one year of failure.*—The Government are not prepared to grant this concession.

(3) *Free supply of books and instruments.*—On account of the present financial stringency, the Government do not propose to grant this concession in this year.

(4) *Reduction of the amount of penalty fees.*—The Government are pleased to reduce the fees, which students are now liable to refund in case of dismissal, etc., under the rules, from Rs. 400 per annum to Rs. 60 per annum. The liability to refund all stipends received will continue.

(5) *Permission to students to appear for examinations as many times as they desire.*—The Government are not prepared to grant the request in its entirety, but they are pleased to allow a second chance, subject to cancellation of stipends during the period between the two examinations, to any student who fails for the first time in the first-year class.

(6) *Conditional promotion to a higher class of students who have not secured a complete pass in the lower.*—The Government are not prepared to comply with the request.

(7) *Written and oral examinations.*—The Government agree with the Principal that there should, as soon as possible, be two examinations, one on paper for theory and another oral for the practical portion of the course. The Principal is requested to give effect to the above proposal as soon as the number of Imperial officers available for the college permits of its adoption.

(8) *The eighth request relates to the reduction of the minimum number of marks required for a pass.*—The Government are not prepared to comply with this request.

III

PRESENTATION OF PETITION TO THE COUNCIL.

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" Sir, I beg to present a petition from the members of the Madras Landholders' Association. It is with reference to the Irrigation Bill which the Government wish to introduce into this Council. It is signed by the Maharaja of Bobbili, the President of the Association, and fulfils all the conditions regarding petitions laid down by the Standing Orders."